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came from Tampico, Mexico, via Habana. It was in the latter place that the period of five days' detention was commenced, to be completed here. She sailed from this port six days after leaving Tampico without any sickness on board.

Availing myself of a courteous invitation extended by the local health officer, Dr. A. Schweyer, who also accompanied me, I made a tour of inspection throughout this city on the 24th instant. From what I was able to observe, no other city in the island is in a better sanitary condition than Matanzas is at the present time. This officer certainly deserves credit for the work accomplished. By following out the same line of conduct established and enforced since the American intervention, although debarred at times by the lack of means, through his executive ability, intelligence, and perseverance he has met with a success worthy of congratulations.

An additional case of diphtheria was reported on the 21st instant. No other cases of varicella have been reported, or any quarantinable disease.

Reports from Santiago—Unusual rainfall.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, December 22, as follows: Week ended December 19, 1903: Bills of health issued to four vessels bound for the United States and Porto Rico. No quarantinable disease has been reported. So far this month we have had rain almost daily, in the afternoon. Usually it has been light showers, but sometimes it has rained quite heavily. This is very unusual at this time of the year.

Mortality report for the week ended December 19, 1903.

Causes of death.	Number.
Malarial fever	2
Pernicious fever	1
Septicæmia	1
Tubercle of lungs	4
Tubercle of meninges	1
Tetanus, infantile	3
Pneumonia	1
Diarrhea and enteritis, under two years	2
Diarrhea and enteritis, chronic	1
Nephritis, parenchymatous	1
Senility	1
Ill-defined or unspecified	1
Total	19

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 21.71 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

Sanitary conditions unsatisfactory.

The following is received from Consul Holaday, at Santiago, through the Department of State, under date of December 26:

The condition of the city is about the same as last month, perhaps slightly improved, as the weather has been dry and stagnant pools have been drying up.

I have been informed by reliable persons that the plans, estimates, and specifications for an aqueduct sufficient to supply this city with water have been rejected by the Cuban Congress. After the experience in this city during the months of January, February, March, and